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Arizona Department of Public Safety to participate in the GTSAC Safety Event, Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) is proud to announce that DPS will be participating in the 5th Annual Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory (GTSAC) Event, to be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event will be held on the Senate lawn of the Arizona State Capital Building with additional displays and demonstrations that will be staged on 17th Avenue from Jefferson to Adams Street.

“Every One Counts” is the central theme and the starting point to get out the message of saving lives and reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries resulting from traffic collisions. Director Vanderpool will be one of keynote speakers to provide traffic safety information at the Luncheon Program which will begin around noon.

The Annual GTSAC Safety Event provides an ideal opportunity for the general public, members of the Arizona Legislature and the news media to learn more about GTSAC and how the participating agencies focus on traffic safety. DPS supports the goals of GTSAC by developing numerous enforcement and education strategies to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries, greatly decrease the number of impaired drivers, educate the motoring public to obey all traffic laws and request all vehicle passengers to wear safety restraints. In addition, DPS will have department personnel from various units at the event to explain and demonstrate their job functions.

The DPS display will be located on the north end of 17th Avenue, just south of Adams Street.

The DPS display will consist of the following visual displays:

- ❖ Criminal Justice Support Division - Scientific Analysis Laboratory personnel:
Will explain the toxicology process, scientific analysis of breath testing and how testing devices operate.
- ❖ Highway Patrol Division personnel will provide information on:
Traffic enforcement, strategies and the use of various technologies (license plate readers, vehicle mounted speed measuring devices) to support the various enforcement projects.
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau personnel:
Will be available to discuss commercial enforcement and the technology used.
There will be a visual display of the stationary photo enforcement camera system and the vehicle mounted system.

- ❖ Criminal Investigation Division personnel from the:
 Vehicle Crimes Unit (VCU) will provide a demonstration of the GPS technology used to develop the intricate crime scene diagrams.
 AZ Vehicle Theft Task Force (VTTF) personnel will be available to discuss stolen vehicle investigations and vehicle theft prevention.
 Gang Immigration & Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (G.I.I.T.E.M) and the Illegal Immigration Apprehension & Prevention Co-op Team (IIMPACT) personnel will be available to discuss immigration and gang enforcement strategies.
 Special Operations Unit (SOU) personnel will explain their duties and display the equipment and vehicles used to handle high risk incidents.
- ❖ Agency Support Division personnel:
 Will be available to discuss current job openings, future recruiting efforts, volunteer positions and how to apply for jobs at DPS.
- ❖ The DPS PIO Unit personnel will be in place to provide information on all aspects of the department's operation and facilitate interviews at the display.

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The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix with offices located in more than 30 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.

